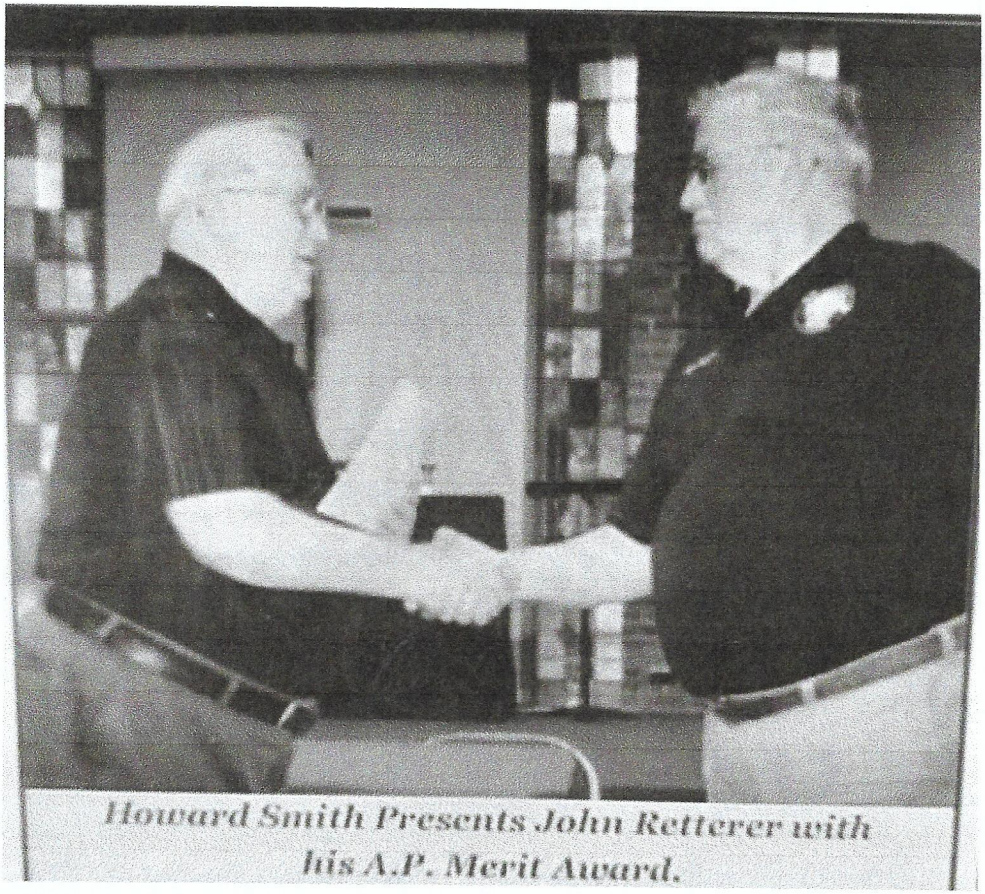

Howard Smith Presents John Retterer with his A.P. Merit Award.

Modeler thankful for manufacturers

Howard Smith earns MMR #260

Howard Smith, MMR #260, of Grove City, Ohio, first became interested in model trains as a child when his grandparents gave him and his three brothers a tinplate train set. It wasn't long before his brothers lost interest in the trains and Howard combined them into one large set.

Howard's interest in model railroading continued all through school. In 1957 he joined the Columbus Model Railroad Club as a junior member and is still a member today. He has enjoyed club membership and recommends it to anyone who wants to share model railroading experiences and friendships.

Today Howard is working on his third model railroad. Each layout gets bigger and construction improves with experience. He is thankful all the many manufacturers of the products that has allowed him to build the kind of model railroad he has always wanted to construct.

Howard joined the NMRA in 1971 and has attended many national and regional conventions during the past. He has served as Division Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and on regional and national conventions committees an continues to serve on a divisional level.

Howard holds AP certificates in Master Builder Cars, Master Builder Motive Power, Chief Dispatcher, Association Volunteer, Master Builder Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer Civil, Model Railroad Engineer Electrical.